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✓ --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-

replace paragraphs 3 and 4 as follows:

A2 --It is an object of the present invention to provide a fluorescent material from the class of the silicide nitrides having a cation and the basic formula $A_xSi_yN_z$, the efficiency of which is as high as possible, and which can be effectively stimulated by UV radiation in the region of 370 to 430 nm.

This and other objects are attained in accordance with one aspect of the invention directed to a highly efficient fluorescent material from the class of the silicide nitrides having a cation and the basic formula $A_xSi_yN_z$, characterized in that Sr is used as cation, the silicide nitride being doped with trivalent Ce which acts as activator.--

Page 3, replace the heading "Figures" (see attachment for details of changes) with:

✓ --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-

✓ Delete lines 10-12 in their entirety (see attachment for

replace the heading "Description of the drawings" (see attachment for details of changes) with:

✓ --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.